

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

*May you find Christ here... May you bring Christ to the world.*

## Welcome!

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekday Mass

Monday-Friday: 6:30am, 8am  
Saturday: 8am

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5pm  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm

#### Confessions

Monday-Friday: 7:30-7:50am  
(Church)  
Saturday: 4-4:50pm (Church)  
or by appointment  
Sunday: by appointment

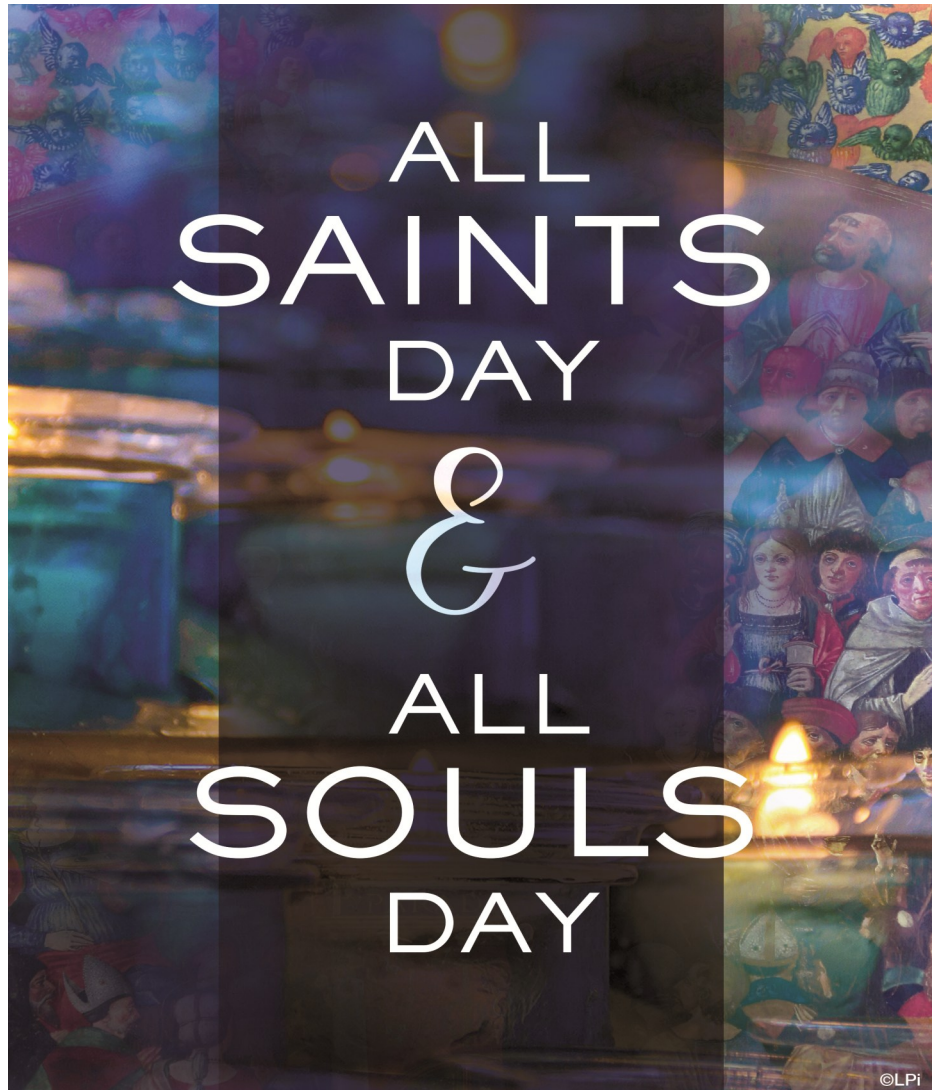
#### Holy Days

Vigil for Feast Day: 5:30pm

## Parish Information

403 N. Main Street  
O'Fallon, MO 63366  
Parish Office: 636-240-3721

Parish Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday: 8am-4pm  
Friday: 8am-3pm; Summer 8am-2pm



## SACRAMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office, 636-240-3721. Select Option #2.

### BAPTISM

Baptism is scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call Angie Gloriod, ext 235.

### CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie Gloriod at the Parish Office, ext 235.

### CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for students entering eighth grade. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

### FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for students entering second grade. For more information, call Holly Woytus, 636-240-1020.

### FUNERALS

Please call Debbie Collins at the Parish Office at 636-240-3721, ext 221.

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (formally RCIA)

Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. Contact Missy Lowrey, 314-630-3983.

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Hello,

We celebrated All Saints Day yesterday, and today are celebrating All Souls Day and this month in a special way we remember those who have died. Some might consider such a focus on death to be morbid, and consider the topic sad and depressing and avoid it. But for us, that is exactly a reason we can't avoid it. Death is sad, it is a loss of someone in whatever way we had a relationship with them before. If they were very close, not only are we thinking about what this means for them, but also that is a big loss and change in our lives. But unlike those without faith, those who don't believe in life after this physical death, we believe in an eternal life.



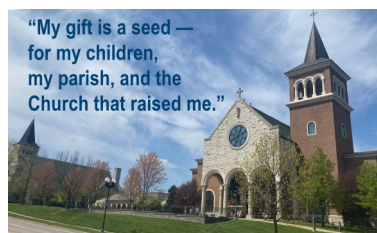
Believing in eternal life makes us realize that while we have experienced the loss of this person in the way they were with us before, their soul still lives and we look to live in a glorified body that will also be eternal. This can still be scary, not only in the possibility of hell, but even if we are going to heaven and possibly purgatory on the way, not knowing what it will be like, for them and for us. But we have hope and trust in God that not only does He care for us, but that He meant for us to be that way. I've heard the comparison made to consider if a child in the womb before they were born were conscious and aware of their surroundings, what would being born be like? Your surroundings are completely changing, your senses start working in a completely different manner, and even the way in which you accept nourishment and oxygen, what seems like the basis of your life is ending, to have it in a completely different way. As we go through our physical death, exactly how our life will change and how it will be the same is unknown, but we not only believe that it will be, but that it is how we are meant to be.

As we do reflect on life, and death, and eternal life after death, let us pray for those we know who have died in our parish in this last year, and the others we know and remember, that they come quickly to the eternal joys of heaven. And we also pray for those still suffering the loss by the death of one very close to them, that their faith and friends and community may help them in this transition in their lives. We pray for them, for ourselves, and for all the faithful departed, that by the examples and reflection on others we will live a more faithful life, and that one day we may all be united in heaven.

Peace,

*Fr. Nick*

## LEGACY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8-9



Legacy Sunday reminds us of the sacrifices and generosity of those who came before us. We are now called to be stewards for those who will follow. Providing gifts through wills and estate plans is one way we can express gratitude, leave a legacy of faith, and support the mission of our parish for generations to come.



LEGACY SUNDAY  
FAITH ACROSS GENERATIONS  
ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Scan the code to hear this legacy story.



### ASSUMPTION PRAYER CHAPEL



Adoration is available 24/7 in the Chapel (the old church) by using the code at the north transit entrance. You can call or come to the Church Office to receive the code.

EXPOSITION is on Tuesdays, 9am-10pm. At 6:15pm, the Rosary is prayed, followed by our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions. Exposition continues until 10pm.

During Eucharistic Exposition, when the Eucharist is in the monstrance and exposed, an adorer must be present. If you are interested in being an adorer for an hour, visit [assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com](http://assumptionbvm.weadorehim.com) to sign up and choose a time. Thank you!

### PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

Please join us in Church 30-minutes before each weekend Mass for the Rosary (except 5:30 pm Mass on Sundays). We gather and pray before the Holy Family Statue.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Raymond Cousin**  
 father of Cheryl (Mike) Jenkins  
 grandfather of Chermeka (Linton) Harvey

### MEN'S GROUP PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST IS BACK!

NOVEMBER 2



The Assumption Men's Group will be once again serving up pancakes, sausage links, orange juice, and chocolate and white

milk after 8am and 10am Masses, Sunday, November 2, in the Parish Center—please join us!

Donations are welcome and benefit the restructuring of our school's outdoor classroom and replacement costs of playground equipment.

If you are new to the parish, please do not forget to visit our hospitality table to register at Assumption or pick up a Welcome Packet. We are so excited you are here!

### ASSUMPTION YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY LAUNCHES NOVEMBER 7 COME BE PART OF SOMETHING GREATER!



Calling all young adults aged **18-35!** Are you seeking a deeper connection with God and a vibrant community to grow in faith? **Assumption Young Adults Ministry is here for you!** Led by Logan and Alexandra Jordan, this ministry offers monthly opportunities to worship, connect, and celebrate the joy of faith together.

We're kicking off with a **Bonfire and Worship Social** on **Friday, November 7 at 6:30pm** outside in the Parish Center Courtyard. Gather around the fire, lift your voices in worship, and experience the warmth of fellowship in Christ.

Mark your calendars for a faith study on the **Importance of Scripture** and become a student of the Word on **Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30pm in Hall A.**

Don't miss this chance to grow spiritually, make meaningful connections, and have fun along the way.

For more details, contact Logan at **636-541-0765**. Let's journey together in faith!

### MEN OF ASSUMPTION PARISH Our Church and our World needs you, man of God!



Join us **Saturday, November 8** in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus building for another fantastic session of TMiy. Our start time is **7:15am** with breakfast, a short video, table discussion, and then we'll have you on your way by **8:30am**. If you missed last weekend, no worries! We hope to see you this weekend!

**This week's session, "The Visitation"** (Mysteries of the Rosary-Joyful Mysteries)

**Presenter:** Mark Hartfiel

- Theme: Called to Joy
- Joy Must Go Out!
- Elizabeth's Prophetic Greeting
- Mary as the New Ark
- We Must Bring Jesus With Us Wherever We Go
- Mary's Magnificat Reveals the Secret of the Spiritual Life

For more information, contact Deacon Richard Tadlock at 314-397-2433 or [DeaconRichard@charter.net](mailto:DeaconRichard@charter.net).

## NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 2-8



National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States to promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education. It is also a time to renew prayers for and support those considering these vocations.

Use the opportunity to pray this week that young people will ask God to help them know their vocation! Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

Consider joining the Saint Serra Club of St. Charles. The only lay organization in the Catholic Church solely dedicated to encouraging and supporting vocations. For more information contact Geoff Waldron at 636-578-7011.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING NOVEMBER 15 | 9:30AM

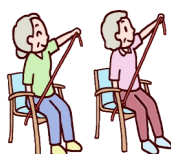


Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Pillar of Prayer—St. Francis) Mission Statement: As Assumption Ministers of the Holy Eucharistic at the Table of Life, we reverently distribute the Body of Christ to all the faithful that we may become one as the Body of Christ for the entire world.

Is God calling you to participate in the distribution of the Body of Christ to our parish community that we may become one as the Body of Christ for the entire world? There is a great need/opportunity to become a part of the Eucharistic Minister ministry. Training will be provided in the Church on Saturday Nov. 15 at 9:30am and will not take more than 90 minutes of your time.

If interested, please contact Mary Keen at 636-699-0407 or at [mlkeen155@icloud.com](mailto:mlkeen155@icloud.com).

## FIT AND FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE CLASS STARTS NOVEMBER 11



Come join us to end the year STRONG! The FIT and FUNctional Exercise classes are starting a new session to get in shape for the holidays. The new session starts Tuesday, November 11. You can come any Tuesday or Thursday before then to try it out. We will meet for two weeks in November, break for Thanksgiving week, then meet every Tuesday/Thursday in December through December 18. Classes start at 8:45am in the Parish Center.

Our exercise class, geared towards folks 50+, and taught by a Physical Therapist, is intended to accommodate various activity levels to improve strength, flexibility, balance and mobility. We use resistance bands and/or small hand weights. Resistance bands are provided in class. We do much of the class in sitting, but also work some in standing because life requires that, too! We work hard, but we also have fun!

**When:** We meet on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 8:45am -9:45am in the Parish Center. If you can't make the first couple of classes, no problem—join when you can!

**Cost:** \$37.50 for 10 classes

**Questions?** Contact Debbie Gentry, PT at 314-306-2697 or [AtHomePartnersLLC@gmail.com](mailto:AtHomePartnersLLC@gmail.com)

**HELP WANTED:** As a side note, if you or someone you know would like to assist with teaching classes, especially when Debbie cannot be there, please contact Debbie Gentry! She is looking for someone to join her in providing this much-needed and helpful class perpetually!

<b>Mass Times and Intentions</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11.2.25</b>	<b>MONDAY 11.3.25</b>	<b>TUESDAY 11.4.25</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 11.5.25</b>
	8:00am Jane Henthorn and family (special intention) 10:00am Dorothy Zoellner 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Millie Craig	6:30am Alice Forbeck 8:00am Harold Adams	6:30am Susan Young 8:00am Dennis Bange	6:30am Lorraine Keeven 8:00am Jim Giesmann
<b>Reconciliation</b>	By Appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment	7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment



## ASSUMPTION PARISH AND SVdP COME TOGETHER TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Join us in answering the Archbishop's urgent call to serve those in need during this time of hardship. Together, we can bring hope and nourishment to our neighbors affected by the government shutdown. **Participate in Assumption Parish's food drive in the Parish Center from 10am-4pm on Saturday, November 22, and help fill hearts and homes with love and generosity.** Volunteer your time, donate essential food items, or contribute through our Amazon QR Code Wish List.



### Items Needed

chicken noodle soup  
canned pasta, chicken and tuna  
instant mashed potatoes  
Ramen Noodles (beef and chicken)  
applesauce  
Hamburger and Chicken Helper  
jelly  
cereal and oatmeal

raisins (individual packs)  
rice and Knorr sides  
canned beans  
canned fruit and vegetables  
canned chili, soup or stew  
microwave popcorn  
granola bars  
ketchup and mustard

Macaroni and cheese  
Spaghetti and sauce (plastic jars)  
16 oz. jars of peanut butter  
pancake mix and syrup  
brownies  
powdered milk  
baby formula and food  
cooking oil

### Volunteer Opportunities Include:

**November 15 and November 22:** on November 15, distributing donation bags for Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America) to a neighborhood in our area, and on November 22, picking up donations and dropping them off at the Assumption Parish Center.

**November 22:** sorting and repacking items in the Assumption Parish Center, and assisting with transporting boxes to the Assumption SVdP Food Pantry.

**Whether through volunteering, donating, or supporting online, your generosity will be a blessing to countless families.** Together, we can be a light in the darkness to those who need it most.



For more details or to volunteer, contact Cathy Hackman at [chackman5860@gmail.com](mailto:chackman5860@gmail.com).



## GIVE BACK AND GIVE CATHOLIC GIVING TUESDAY IS DECEMBER 2 ADVANCED GIVING BEGINS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Assumption has been a beacon of light in our community for 154 years. Anyone who drives down Main Street can see that the people of God within have built something beautiful! Yet, as beautiful as our buildings are, the true beauty is our loving parish community. It is our commitment at Assumption that – by how we live – Christ's love is known in our every gathering.

**Help Assumption continue this legacy by supporting us on iGiveCatholic Giving Day, Tuesday, December 2.** On this global day of generosity and kindness, we hope to raise \$10,000+ in support of our parish school and Church communities, which have helped shape thousands of our children's lives of faith for more than a century. **Your generous gifts will be used to construct a new Sport Court on our 36-acre campus.** We hope you will support our efforts... **If ONLY 200 families donate \$50 each, we can reach our goal!**

God Bless and thank you in advance for your generous support.

THURSDAY 11.6.25
6:30am Fred Cashion
8:00am Ivan and Margaret Phillips
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

FRIDAY 11.7.25
6:30am Alice Forbeck
8:00am Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
7:30-7:50am Church or by appointment

SATURDAY 11.8.25
8:00am Theresa Kannady
5:00pm Bill Kirchoff
4-4:50pm Church or by appointment

SUNDAY 11.9.25
8:00am Ben Schepker Family
10:00am People of the Parish
12:00pm Ron Hanebrick
5:30pm Mary Martin and family (special intention)
By Appointment

**NOW HIRING | DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**



Assumption Parish is seeking a Director of Music Ministries. This position is responsible for liturgical music at Assumption. Primary responsibilities include: planning music for the parish's ordinary Sunday Mass celebrations, Holy Days, and other sacramental events; playing at school Masses three mornings a week; playing at weddings and funerals (if possible); and recruiting and mentoring musicians to enhance every aspect of music for our worship.

Please email cover letter, resume, and three references to Fr. Nick Kastenholz at [nicholaskastenholz@archstl.org](mailto:nicholaskastenholz@archstl.org) or mail to Assumption Parish, Attn: Fr. Nick Kastenholz, 403 N. Main St., O'Fallon, MO 63366.

For more information or to apply for this position, visit [careers.archstl.org/job-invite/6107](https://careers.archstl.org/job-invite/6107) or contact Fr. Nick Kastenholz at 636-240-3721, ext 242.

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**NOW HIRING  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND ENROLLMENT COORDINATOR**

Assumption Catholic School is seeking a faith-filled, organized, and welcoming individual to serve as Administrative Assistant and Enrollment Coordinator. This position plays a vital role in supporting the daily operations of the school office and advancing our mission through strong communication, hospitality, and attention to detail.

The Administrative Assistant provides clerical and administrative support to the principal, staff, and students, ensuring the smooth day-to-day functioning of the school. As Enrollment Coordinator, this individual will oversee the admissions process from inquiry through enrollment, assist with marketing and communication efforts and serve as a welcoming first point of contact for prospective and current families.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate excellent organizational and communication skills, proficiency with technology and data management systems, and a commitment to the mission of Catholic education. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Jamie Burbridge, [jburbridge@abvmtech.org](mailto:jburbridge@abvmtech.org)



**NOW HIRING | PART-TIME ACTIVITY ASSISTANT**

Abbey Senior Health is seeking a part-time activity assistant to join our skilled living facility team. This position does not require nights or weekends, but flexibility is essential.



The successful candidate will have outstanding communication and interpersonal skills, excellent organizational abilities, physical stamina, and a compassionate nature. Must be able to pass a background test and must be 18 years or older with a positive outgoing personality.

Please contact Aliesa Moore at 636-240-5754, ext. 381.

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)**

God works in our lives all the time. He calls all people into community. He calls us to come to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him. God has called and we have the privilege this weekend at 8am Mass of introducing these people to the one we call Lord.

For weeks now, our group has uncovered God's actions in their lives. They have recognized the first stirrings of new life, deepened their relationship with Christ, and developed a new prayer life. The Combined Rite of Acceptance into the order of Catechumens and Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Full Communion marks our Catechumens (non-baptized) as their first public declaration of God's call to follow Christ. It also marks Candidates, (those already baptized in other Christian traditions), the public declaration of their wish to continue their journey to the Easter Vigil. All are signed with the sign of our faith, the cross. Their journeys to the table will be as varied as the pathways that brought them to us. Please continue to pray for us.

### MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL



Saturday, October 25 was a beautiful day of renewal for the men of Assumption Parish, as former CRHP alumni came together to embrace faith, fellowship, and service.

Hearts were uplifted, connections were strengthened, and spirits were refreshed in the presence of God and one another.

This gathering was a powerful reminder of the joy and strength found in community and the transformative power of faith.

May the blessings of this day continue to inspire and guide all who attended!



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL GIVING TREE NEEDS YOUR HELP THIS CHRISTMAS WITH NEIGHBORS-IN-NEED



This has been another difficult year for our Neighbors-in-Need with rising rent, food, and utility costs. If you would like to help our Neighbors-in-Need, as well as the homeless, please consider helping our St. Vincent de Paul Conference this holiday season. We have a few different ways that you can help:

**Giving Tree Needs:** Our Giving Trees are up in Narthex and filled with gift needs! Please select a tag or two, limiting your spending for each tag to \$20-\$40 per gift. **Please return the tags, attached to your WRAPPED GIFT, to the downstairs tree in the Parish Hall no later than Sunday,**

**December 7, prior to the noon mass.** Any questions about the Giving Tree, please contact Linda at 636-248-6385

**Also, the following donation items are in need for our Christmas Event:** Our Neighbors-In-Need and the homeless lack the necessities that we often take for granted. When they pick up their gift items from the Giving Tree at our annual Christmas Event, they also may choose other basic needs items that we make available. If you would like to donate **NEW** items to our basic needs table, please choose from the following:

- ◆ Skillets/Pots and Pans
- ◆ Bathrobes - Adult
- ◆ Prepackaged **holiday treats**
  - Twinkies/Little Debbie's
  - Tins of Popcorn
  - Cookies
  - Bagged/Boxed Holiday Candies
- ◆ Mixing bowls
- ◆ Casual Tops/Sweatshirts - Women
- ◆ Art and Craft **KITS** - Youth and Teen
- ◆ Flatware/Silverware sets
- ◆ Leggings/Slacks - Women
- ◆ Footballs/Soccer balls/Basketballs
  - Youth and Teen
- ◆ Blankets - any size
- ◆ Flannel Shirts/Sweatshirts - Men
- ◆ Winter Hats and Gloves
  - All sizes and ages
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Warm Socks (all sizes)
- ◆ Pajama Pants
  - Teens Male and Female
- ◆ Kitchen towels/dishcloths
- ◆ Pajama Pants
- ◆ New rolls of Gift Wrap
- ◆ Hot pads
- ◆ New rolls of Gift Wrap
- ◆ Rolls of Scotch Tape
- ◆ Sheet sets
  - Full/Queen
  - Twin - Kid Themed
  - King
- ◆ Bows for gift wrapping

**ALL donation items (NEW ONLY PLEASE) should be placed UNWRAPPED in the boxes provided in the pre-function area of the Parish Center NO LATER THAN NOON on SUNDAY, DECMEBER 7.**



Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration. Happy Holidays to each of you!

If you have any questions, please call Georgia, 717-919-7312 or Linda, 636-248-6385.

# ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN! NOVEMBER 30



Women of the parish! Set aside the hustle and bustle of the holidays, and focus your minds and hearts on the birth of Christ, as we kick off the season of advent with our Advent by Candlelight celebration, **Sunday, November 30 in the Parish Center. All adult women are invited to join us from 6:30-9pm for a beautiful evening of fellowship, music, and prayer, as we focus on “Advent Joy.”** This year's guest speaker is **Sister Carol Schumer, D.C.**, spiritual formation leader with the Ladies of Charity of the St. Louis Archdiocese; monthly reflections contributor for *The God Minute* podcast; and Assistant Spiritual Advisor on many Cursillo weekends. Musical worship led by Elizabeth Smith, Becca Perhacs, and Bonnie Lang. **If you've never attended this annual event, you won't want to miss it!**

As a **hostess** of the table, you are in charge of your table. The food and drink can be whatever you make of it! Some hostesses set up the table and bring all the food and drink to share with their eight (8) guests; however, the majority of hostesses ask everyone to bring a dish, appetizer and or dessert to share for the evening. Wine and other drinks are also shared at the table. **Setup can be as simple** as a plastic tablecloth and disposable utensils on your round table, to beautiful dinnerware and glass. Everyone brings a centerpiece and many with lights. There is no wrong way to set up your table, unless of course, your centerpiece is too high and no one can see around it. **We also ask that everyone at your table donate \$10 for our cause this year.** After you register, a hostess letter will be emailed to you with more information about setup dates and times.

**Gather your friends and make a reservation before Monday, November 24!** Contact Nancy Gomer at [ngomer@abvmtech.org](mailto:ngomer@abvmtech.org) or 636-240-3721 ext. 239. Individuals are welcome and will be placed at available tables.



## PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Last week, our first-grade students helped our school family celebrate All Saints' Day in a special way! Dressed as saints, the children led the school in a beautiful prayer service, reminding us that we are all called to holiness and to follow Jesus with joyful hearts. Through their words, prayers, and reflections, they helped us remember the countless men and women who lived their faith with courage and love.



Before the prayer service, the first graders visited with some of our favorite neighbors, the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood Community across the street. The students enjoyed meeting the Sisters and other residents, getting a glimpse into their lives of prayer and service, and sharing information about their own saint costumes and favorite holy heroes.

It was a meaningful visit that helped the children see what it looks like to live out the call to sainthood right here in our own community.



We are so proud of our first graders for sharing their faith and reminding all of us that we, too, are called to be saints in our everyday lives. Enjoy some pictures from this sweet day filled with faith and fellowship!



In Christ,  
Mrs. Holly Woytus  
Director of Religious Education

SAVE THE DATE
LADIES' WHITE HOUSE RETREAT
FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 1, 2026

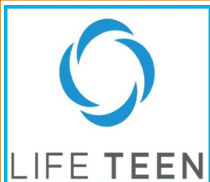


Spend some time with the Lord by attending a White House Retreat with Assumption Ladies. The retreat given by Jesuit Priests, and based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, will be held at the White House Retreat Center, located at 7400 Christopher Dr. St. Louis. The retreat will begin on Thursday, February 26, with check-in from 4:30-6:30pm and will end after lunch on Sunday, March 2.

The cost of the retreat for the Jesuits is \$425 per participant for retreat participation, lodging, and meals. No worries if you are unable to pay the \$425, a free-will offering is taken after the retreat and participants are asked to give what they are able. The amount given for the free-will offering is known only by the participant giving the offering.

For more information or to register, contact Mary Keen, mlkeen155@icloud.com or 636-699-0407. Space is limited and reservations are not guaranteed after January 12.

HELLO FROM ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY!



Fall semester with Assumption Youth Ministry is in full swing! We are thrilled to be back with our middle school youth and high school teens, learning and growing in our Catholic faith together. The young Church here at Assumption is growing and we are grateful!



Sunday, November 2 | Life Teen: Mother Knows Best—Our Lady 6:30-8:45pm in the Parish Center

All high school teens are invited to a night of food, fun, community and powerful prayer. Tonight, we focus in on the gift and example of Mary! Join us as we explore the beauty of our Catholic faith.

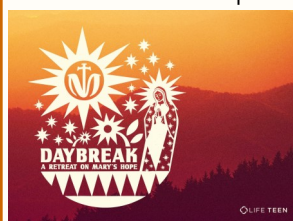
Wednesday, November 5 | EDGE: Father Mike on Reconciliation 6-7:30pm in the Church

Middle Schoolers are invited to come and dive into their Catholic faith in a new way!



COMING SOON!

November 14-16 | Life Teen Fall Retreat: Daybreak at Marianist Retreat Center



Teens, join us for an incredible weekend of rest, community, and the Sacraments! We will be at the beautiful Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka, looking into how Mary's hope leads us closer to Jesus. Retreat packets are due ASAP and can be found on our Instagram and Flocknote emails.

2025-2026 EVENTS:
November 14-16: Life Teen Fall Retreat
April 10-12: Luke 18 Retreat
June 8-13: Life Teen Camp Cana

Follow us on Social Media:

Instagram:

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QUESTIONS? Contact Becky Whitaker,

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**45th ANNUAL**

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

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\*21 & Older Event

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH**

Weekly Offertory	October 12, 2025	YTD 7/1/25-10/12/25
Actual Collections	\$44,870	\$557,709
Budget Target	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$645,000</u>
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$(130)	\$(87,291)

Loan taken out in 2013 for expansion of our school

Original Loan	\$3,306,127
Current balance owed	\$168,049
Monthly payment	\$20,923

*Last expected payment will be in June 2026.*



The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)  
We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)  
God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)  
**TITHING**

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

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636-272-4758 (Helpline)

**BULLETIN NOTICES**  
Submit to Parish Office  
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edition (five days prior)

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**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**  
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Call 636-240-1020 for information  
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**MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION**  
For one-on-one grief support, or  
information regarding our grief support  
series, which is held twice per year,  
contact Lynn Crews at 314-578-0741.